

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Food Processing Industries in Maharashtra

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Food Processing Industries in Maharashtra State;
- (b) whether the existing Food Processing Units have the capacity to process the fruits and vegetables available in the State;
- (c) if not, the steps proposed by the Government to increase the food processing capacity by establishing more food processing units in the State;
- (d) the assistance provided by the Government for setting up of food processing industries in sufficient number in Maharashtra especially in Nashik district, keeping in view the production of grapes, pomegranates and onions in this region and the details of financial assistance provided during the last three years and the results obtained therefrom; and
- (e) whether food processing industries are working in Nashik district in respect of grapes, pomegranates and onions and if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Answer

(a) As per the latest Annual Survey of Industries, 2014-15, there are 3014 registered factories in food processing sector in Maharashtra state. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has also approved setting up of 3 Mega Food Park Projects, 50 Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure Projects and 17 Food Testing Laboratories.

(b) No such assessment has been made by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing various Schemes for promotion and development of food processing sector in the country. Recently, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has re-structured its schemes under a new Central Sector Scheme "KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA" (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) having seven components viz. (i) Mega Food Parks (ongoing); (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ongoing); (iii)

Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities (new); (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters (new); (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages (new);

(vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (ongoing); and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions (ongoing). The KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA has been approved with an allocation of Rs.6000 crore for the period 2016-20 coterminous with the 14th Finance Commission cycle to promote food processing in the country. The Farmers, Farmers Producers Organizations, Entrepreneurs, Co-operative Societies, Self Help Groups, Private Companies and State PSUs etc. are eligible to avail financial assistance under these schemes for setting up food processing projects in the Country.

(d) & (e) An amount of Rupees 8.64 Crore has been provided by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to 52 Food Processing Units in fruit and vegetables sector in Maharashtra including 14 units in Nashik district during last three years under the Scheme of Setting up up-gradation/ Modernization of food processing industries (Committed liabilities of the 11th Five year Plan).